



## City of Salinas

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August 29, 2007

The Honorable Quentin L. Kopp  
Chairperson  
California High-Speed Rail Authority  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL SOUTHERN PACHECO PASS ALIGNMENT**

Dear Judge Kopp:

On behalf of the City Salinas, I would like to express our support of the Southern Pacheco Pass alignment for the High-Speed Rail project. The southern alignment across the Pacheco Pass would have the train stopping at Gilroy and San Jose and thus would bring more riders though Gilroy and would likely increase ridership on the Caltrain corridor to Gilroy to board the High-Speed Rail system.

PHG003-1

The City of Salinas is working with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) in planning the extension of Caltrain commuter rail service to Monterey County with a final stop in Salinas. An extension of the passenger rail service to Monterey County and Salinas will result in removing auto trips from commute corridors that lead to job destinations north. The City also expressed support for plans to extend Amtrak's Coast Daylight service that would connect downtown Los Angeles with downtown San Francisco.

PHG003-2

The Monterey County rail projects will complement and connect with the High-Speed Rail system at Gilroy and San Jose if the Southern Pacheco Pass alignment is chosen as the preferred alignment, thereby further increasing ridership on this segment. The Pacheco pass alignment would be beneficial for Monterey County due to the increased ridership on train services through Monterey County, and the regional economy would benefit from increased investment in the infrastructure in the region and around train stations.

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The three-county Monterey Bay Area had a population of 710,000 in 2000, and is projected to reach nearly a million residents by the year 2030. Our growing population needs an alternative means of getting to jobs, health care, and shopping around the region and across the state.

Increased access to the rail network and connectivity to the high-speed rail system in Gilroy will help the region be more sustainable, economically, environmentally, and socially.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this exciting project.

Sincerely,



Dennis Donohue  
Mayor  
City of Salinas

cc: Hon. John Laird, 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Hon. Anna Caballero, 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Hon. Jeff Denham, 12<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Hon. Abel Maldonado, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Hon. Jim Beall, Jr., 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed  
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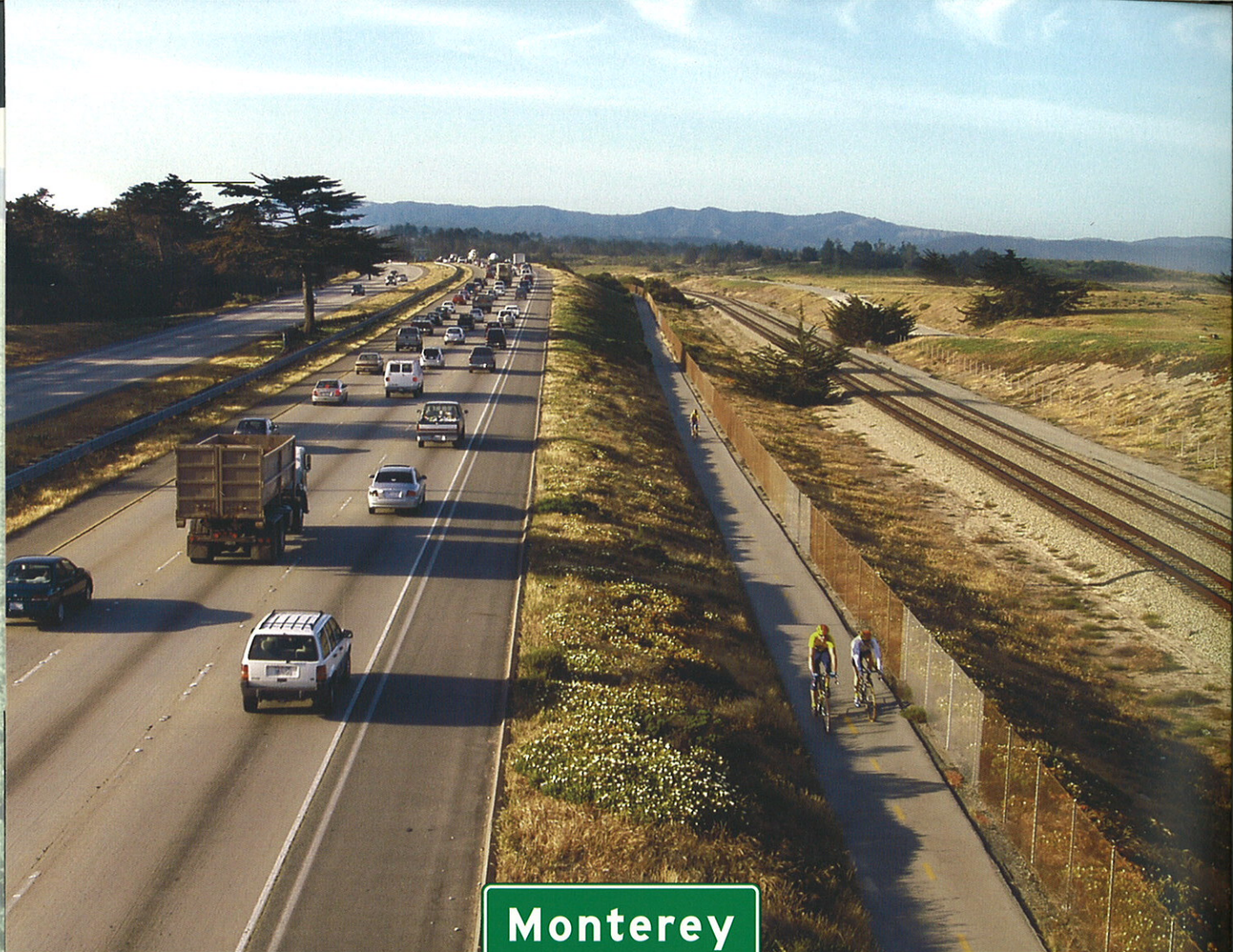


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TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY





## Monterey COUNTY LINE

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) is an independent association of local officials who have banded together to solve transportation problems throughout Monterey County. Elected officials from each of the twelve incorporated cities in Monterey County and all five County Supervisors represent the public on the TAMC Board of Directors. • TAMC's goal is to make it safer and easier for travelers to get where they want to go, whether they're commuting to work or school, transporting goods to market, visiting our local attractions, going shopping or traveling to medical appointments. Infrastructure improvements can further improve safety and reduce future traffic congestion. • Transportation in the future will require a combination of solutions, such as roads, buses, trains, and trails. TAMC is uniquely suited to coordinate and provide oversight of this mix of projects. TAMC is locally focused and locally controlled. TAMC can do more with your help. If you would like more information about how to get involved in transportation issues visit the TAMC web site at [tamcmonterey.org](http://tamcmonterey.org)



▶ TAMC is the agency that helps you when you're stranded on the highway. Our system of freeway call boxes allows you to call for help if you have an unexpected breakdown. Our Freeway Service Patrol roving tow trucks can give you a jump-start, tow you to the repair shop, or fill up your tank if you find yourself in need of assistance on the highway.

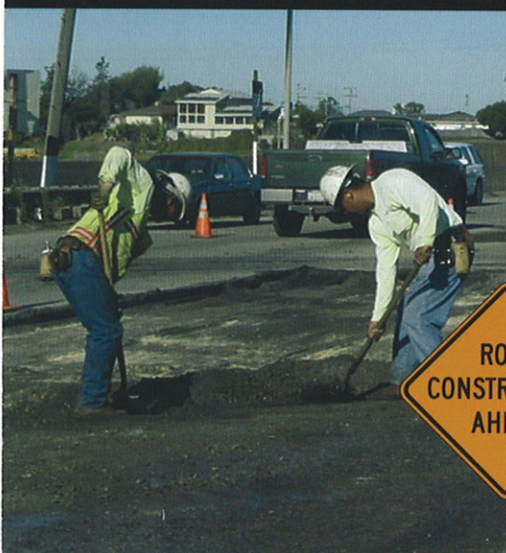
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BOX**



▼ TAMC is the agency responsible for monitoring traffic congestion in the county and identifying solutions to traffic problems. TAMC helps remove traffic bottlenecks and prevent future traffic jams.

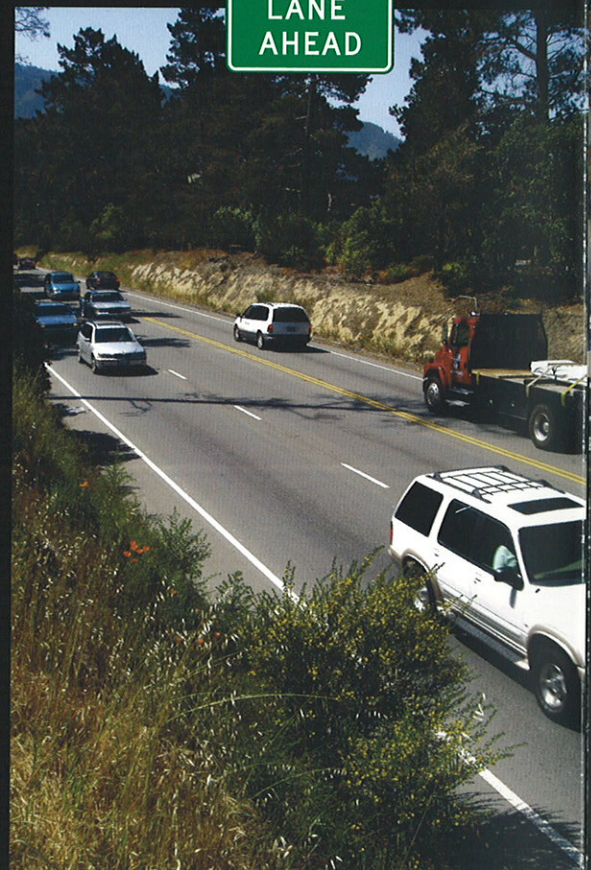
▲ TAMC is the agency that finds the money to make the roads safer throughout the County. Recently, TAMC helped fund the Highway 1 truck climbing lane in Carmel, the improvements to the Blanco and Davis Road intersection, safety improvements at Ragsdale and Route 68, and improvements to the US 101/156 and US 101/San Miguel Road interchanges.

**PASSING  
LANE  
AHEAD**



**ROAD  
CONSTRUCTION  
AHEAD**

◀ TAMC is working with local cities and the County to find more money to take care of the local streets and roads, including money to fill potholes and repair cracks on our local streets.





▶ TAMC is dedicated to the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled in Monterey County. Each year, TAMC helps raise money from the state for vans and equipment that serve the elderly and disabled. TAMC's Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee advises TAMC how to best help seniors get where they need to go.



▼ TAMC helps pay for commuter buses run by Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to get people to their jobs. TAMC partnered with MST to start and improve commuter bus service between Salinas and Gilroy, and Salinas and King City.

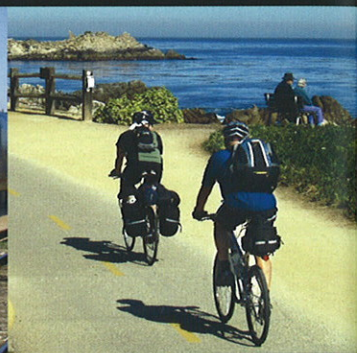
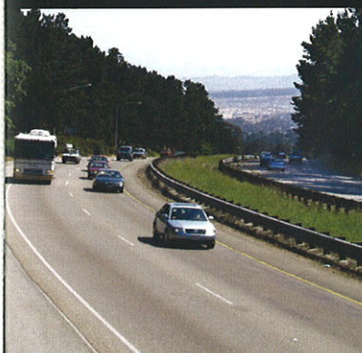
▼ TAMC is working to bring rail service to Monterey County, so that residents on the Peninsula, in Salinas and North County can travel to jobs, health services and entertainment in San Francisco and San Jose.



▶ TAMC has delivered important transportation projects. TAMC also looks to the future to plan regional transportation projects over the next twenty years.







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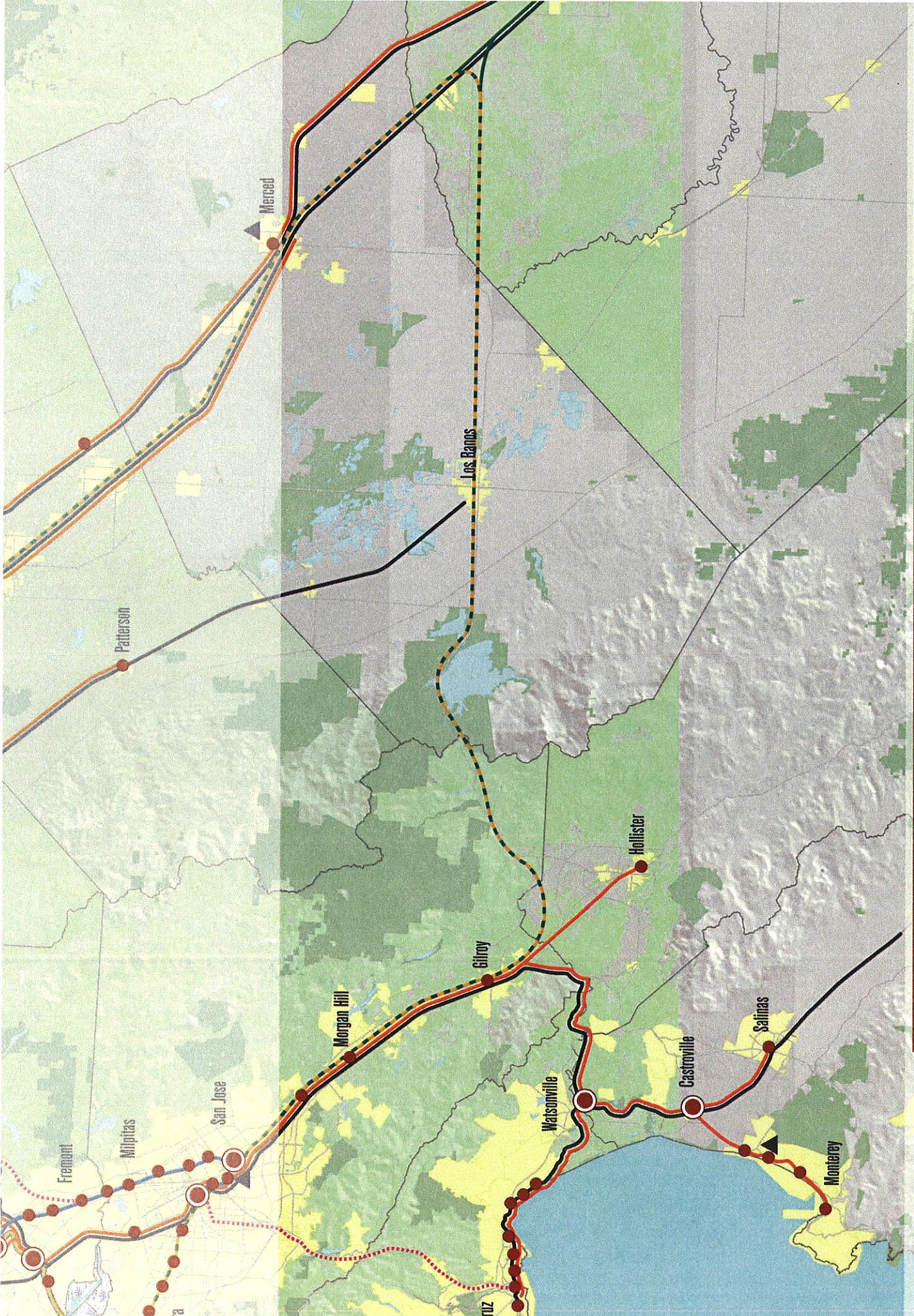
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# 2050 System HSR Parharn



- LEGEND:**
- Stations (Red dot)
  - Intermodal Stations (Red dot with white circle)
  - Maintenance Facilities (Black triangle)

- LEGEND:**
- BART (Blue line)
  - Technology TBD (Red line)
  - Predominantly Freight (Black line)



# MONTEREY COUNTY

## CALIFORNIA

Population: 421,400

Area: 3322 square miles

### AGRICULTURE in Monterey County is a \$3.4 billion a year industry:

- ▶ Monterey County is the #1 fresh vegetable producer in the nation, harvesting 74 different crops and has the most valuable land per acre in the country
- ▶ 80% of Monterey County's fresh vegetable production is transported on US 101
- ▶ From March through November, 2,700 interstate trucks leave Salinas each day transporting vegetables to the rest of the nation

### TOURISM in Monterey County is a \$1.8 billion industry:

- ▶ 5 million visitor trips to Monterey County occur each year
- ▶ US 101 is the primary access route for travelers to Monterey County

### EDUCATION is an important part of the economy with over 10,000 students:

- ▶ The Naval Postgraduate School is a U.S. Navy institution with over 2,800 students, faculty and staff
- ▶ The Army Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) is world's largest foreign language institute with over 3,500 students, faculty and staff.
- ▶ California State University at Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is a multicultural learning community founded on academic excellence with over 4,200 students, faculty and staff.

### MARINE RESEARCH flourishes in Monterey County's unique Bay:

- ▶ Marine Research personnel utilize US 101 as the principal transportation corridor to six marine research facilities situated on the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, a significant intellectual asset for our state and nation.
  - Moss Landing Marine Labs
  - Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University
  - Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute
  - University of California Pacific Marine Geology

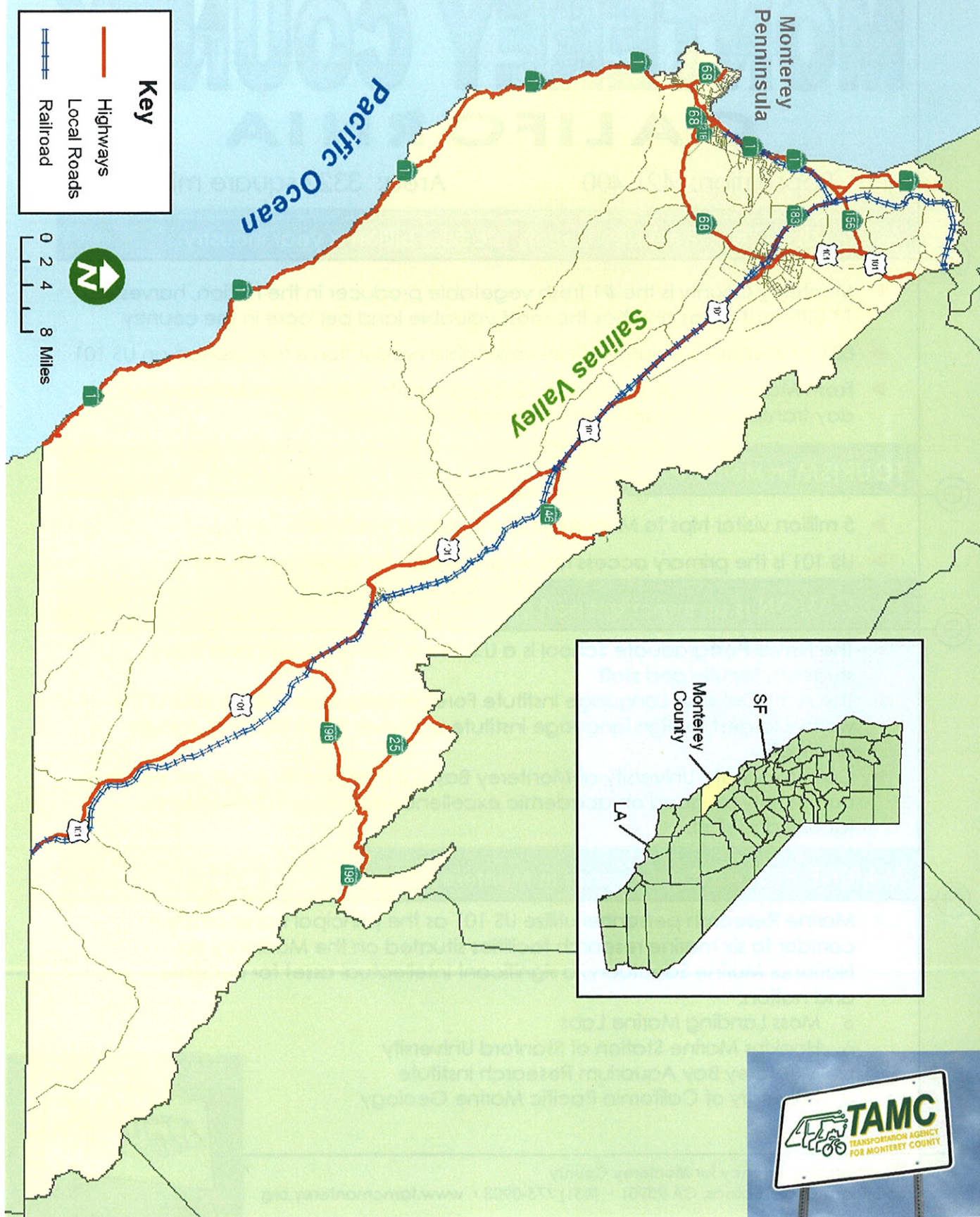
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# CALTRAIN SERVICE TO MONTEREY COUNTY



## Project Benefits

- ▶ Improves commuter access between Salinas and San Jose, San Francisco
- ▶ Provides alternative to traffic congestion
- ▶ Facilitates access to jobs, health care, shopping
- ▶ Expands transportation options for the elderly, young, and disabled
- ▶ Reduces commuter stress
- ▶ Promotes economic development around stations



Caltrain engine at Salinas Station

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Extends existing San Francisco – San Jose – Gilroy Caltrain commuter rail service  
37 miles to Pajaro, Castroville & Salinas:**

- ▶ 2 round trips per weekday initially
- ▶ 4 round trips per weekday in 10 years
- ▶ Salinas-San Jose one-way fare: \$6.75
- ▶ Projected annual ridership (2010): 530,000 (2,000 daily passengers)

### **Stops in:**

- ▶ San Francisco
- ▶ Millbrae – shuttle to SFO, BART
- ▶ San Jose
- ▶ Gilroy
- ▶ Pajaro (300 daily boardings each way)
- ▶ Castroville (100 daily boardings each way)
- ▶ Salinas (600 daily boardings each way)

## COST ESTIMATE

Total Capital Project Cost: \$101,000,000  
Net Annual Operating Cost: \$1,200,000

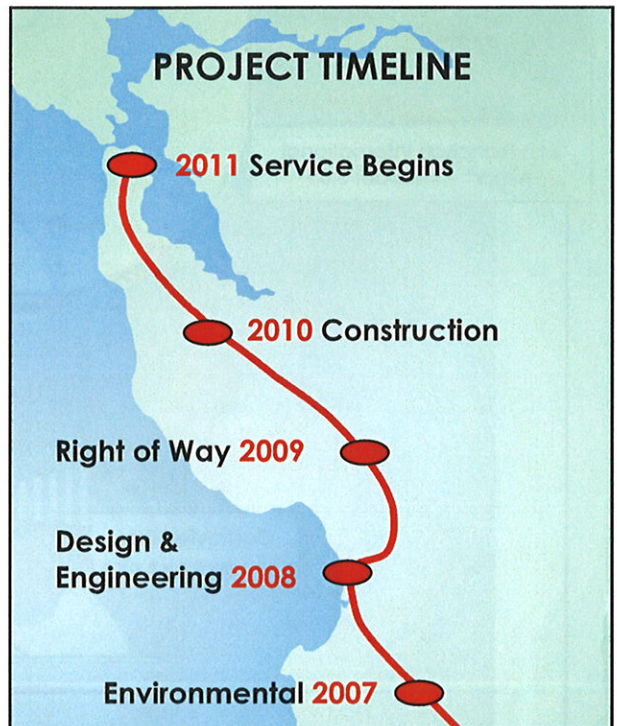
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## PROJECT TIMELINE



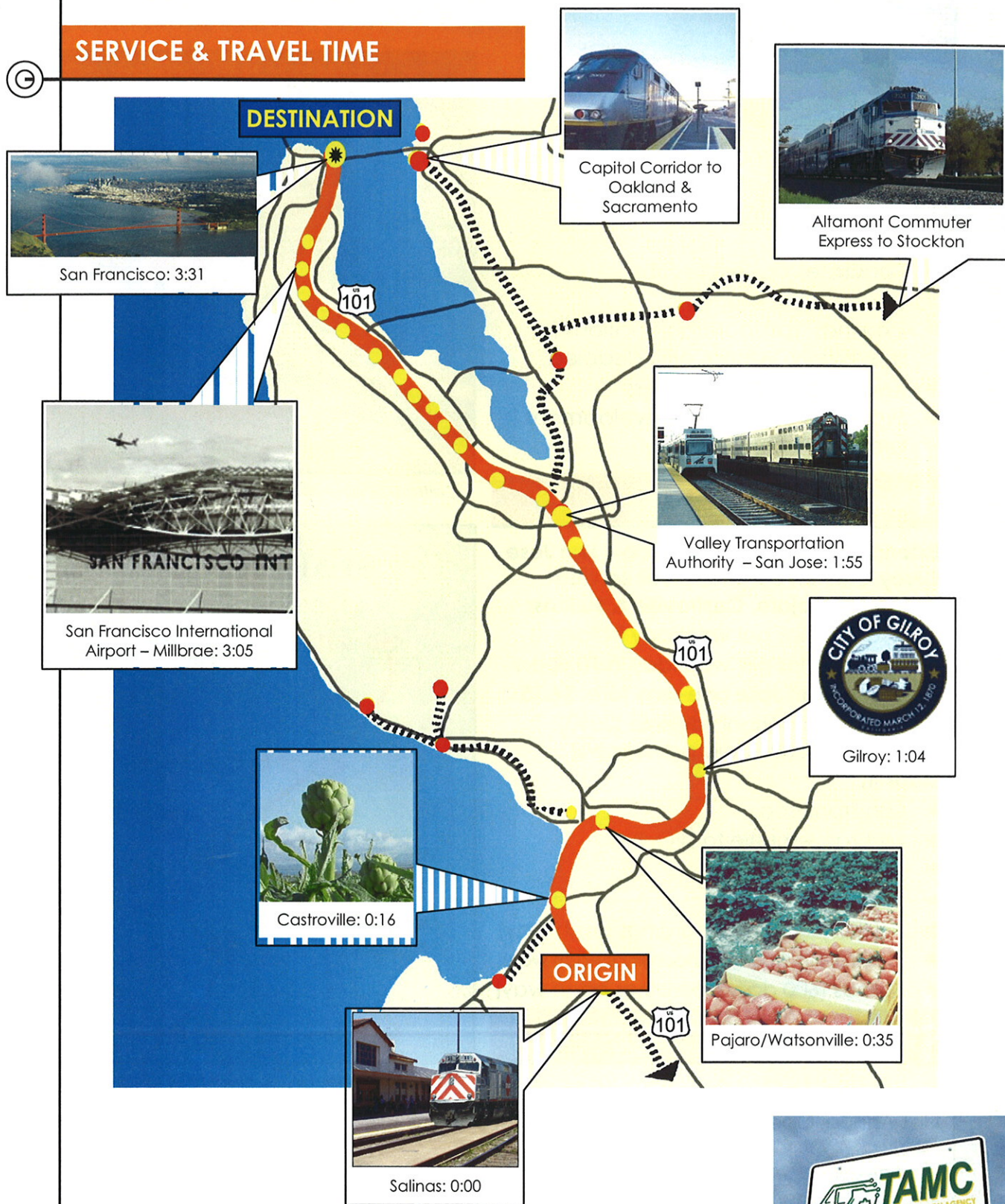
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# CALTRAIN SERVICE TO MONTEREY COUNTY

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# MONTEREY PENINSULA FIXED GUIDEWAY SERVICE



## Project Benefits

- ▶ Improves access between Monterey and Salinas
- ▶ Improves access to San Francisco and San Jose
- ▶ Provides alternative to traffic congestion
- ▶ Facilitates access to jobs, health care, shopping
- ▶ Reduces commuter stress
- ▶ Promotes economic development around stations

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The Monterey Peninsula Fixed Guideway Service will provide alternative transit service using the existing Monterey Branch Line alignment, which was purchased by the Transportation Agency in 2003 for \$9.3 million. This 16-mile service will connect to the planned Caltrain service in Castroville and also provide local transit alternatives with key stations in Monterey, Seaside, Sand City, Marina/CSUMB, and Castroville. TAMC is currently taking options out to the public to obtain input into the selection of a locally preferred alternative. Several different service options are under consideration, including intercity rail to San Francisco, local rail, bus rapid transit service, or a combination of the two. Selection of a service type and transit route will determine the type of vehicle that will be used.

## COST ESTIMATE

Total Project Cost Range:  
\$ 150,000,000 – \$327,000,000  
Annual Estimated Operating Cost:  
\$ 30,000,000 – \$37,000,000

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Monterey Branch Line tracks(R) and typical congestion along Highway 1 in Marina

## PROJECT TIMELINE

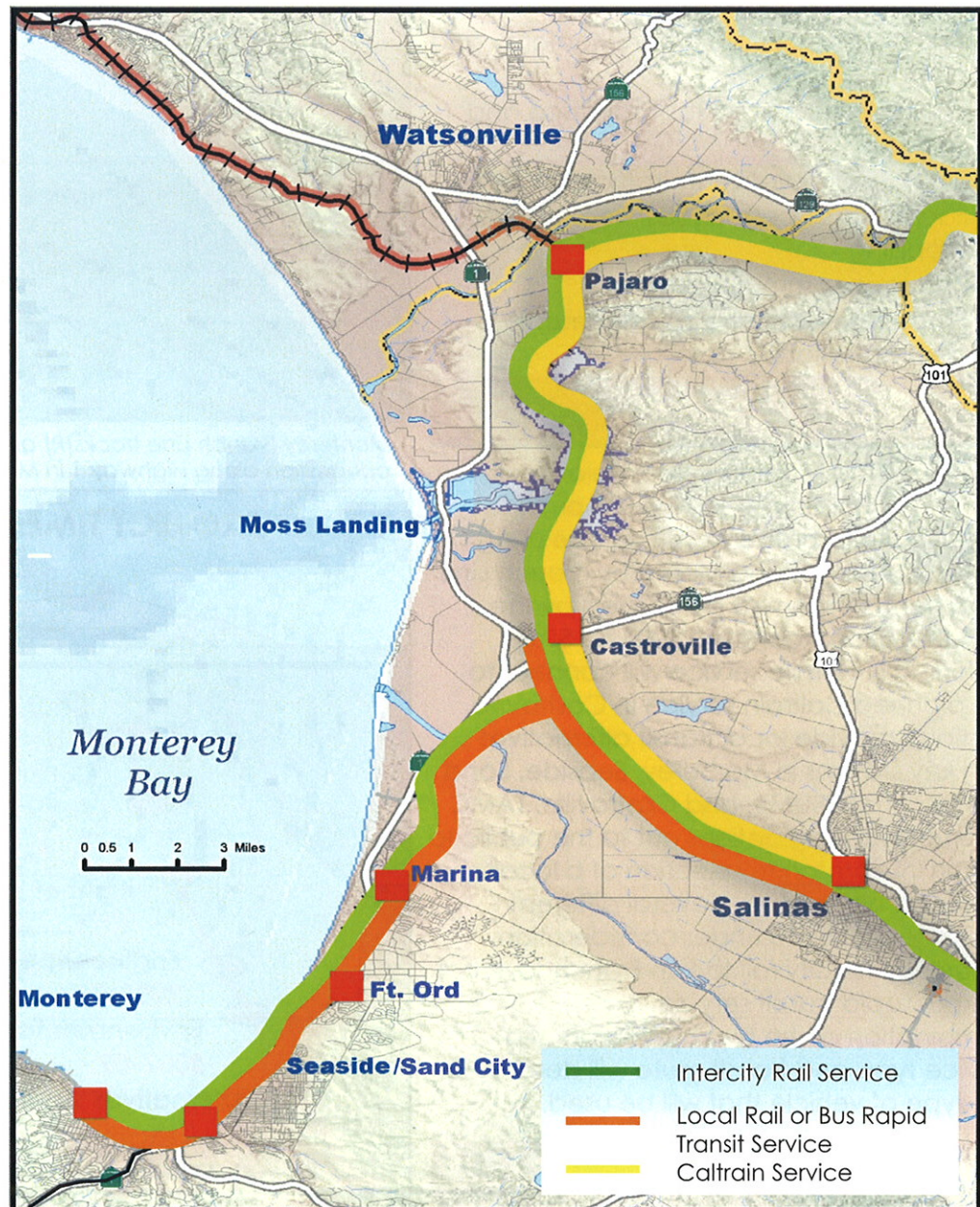


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## PROJECT LOCATION



There are several alternatives under consideration. This option includes bus rapid or light rail transit service along the Peninsula and eventual intercity rail service to San Francisco.

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## PROJECT BENEFITS

- ▶ Allows elderly and disabled persons to travel independently
- ▶ Provides an alternative to driving for commuters
- ▶ Reduces traffic throughout Monterey County
- ▶ Improves access to local businesses and services



Monterey-Salinas Transit bus

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION



Implementation of the 14-year transportation improvement plan will provide an estimated \$28 million (8% of all new revenues) for bus transit services. According to the plan, this money can be used for:

- ▶ South County transit service
- ▶ More elderly and disabled service
- ▶ Commuter bus service
- ▶ Transit stations
- ▶ Bus stops and shelters
- ▶ Other transit services

## Monterey-Salinas Transit Statistics for FY 2003-2004

### Fixed Route Service

Operating Cost:	\$ 15,581,000
Annual Boardings:	4,625,000
Boardings per hour:	23.4
Cost per trip:	\$ 3.59

### RIDES for Persons with Disabilities

Operating Cost:	\$ 1,682,000
Annual Boardings:	68,000
Boardings per hour:	2.4
Cost per trip:	\$ 24.76

## REVENUE GENERATED

\$28,000,000

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# BUS SERVICE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

## REGIONAL MAP



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